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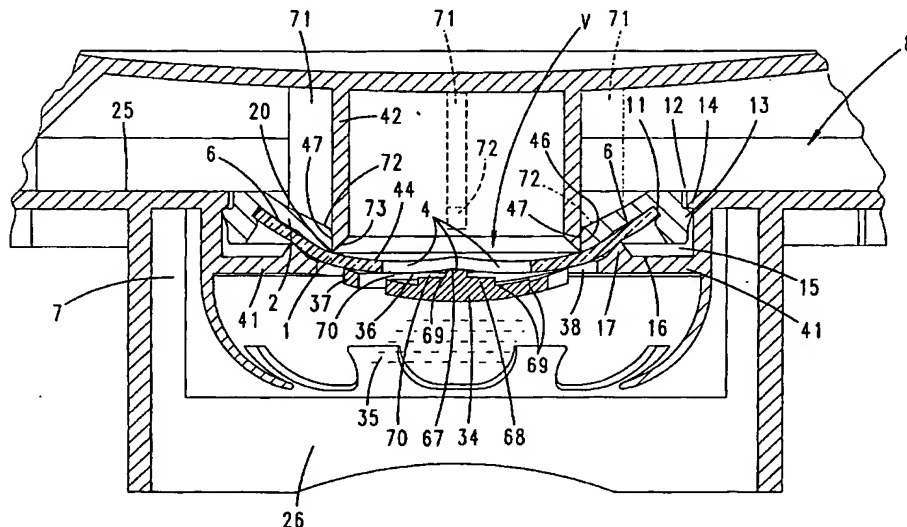
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(54) Title: SELF-CLOSING MEMBRANE VALVE

(54) Bezeichnung: SELBSTSCHLIESSENDES MEMBRAN-VENTIL



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a self-closing membrane valve (V) comprising a slit membrane (1) and a cap-shaped holding element (2) which is associated with a receiving region (6) of the membrane (1). The aim of the invention is to provide a ready-to-use, pre-mountable membrane valve. To this end, the holding element (2) is connected to the membrane (1) in a positively locking manner or in a material fit, and is formed inside a closing element (7) in order to hold in an overlapping or locking manner on the peripheral outer edge side.

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(57) Zusammenfassung: Die Erfindung bezieht sich auf ein selbstschliessendes Membran-Ventil (V) mit einer geschlitzten Membran (1) und einem zugeordnet zu einem Aufnahmebereich (6) der Membran (1) kalottenförmig gestalteten Halterungsteil (2), und schlägt zur Erzielung eines einsatzfertig vormontierbaren Membran-Ventils vor, dass das Halterungsteil (2) mit der Membran (1) form- oder stoffschlüssig verbunden ist und zur umfangs-aussenrandseitigen Übergriifhalterung oder Rasthalterung in einem Verschlusssteil (7) ausgebildet ist.

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1. Claims 1-32

Self-closing membrane valve comprising a holder part which can positively engage in a locking part.

2. Claims 33 to 35

Method for producing a self-closing membrane valve, in which the membrane is formed on a holder part.

3. Claim 36

Self-closing membrane valve, characterised by the connecting of the membrane to the holder part.

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